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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 10 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated October 19, 2005.

As to the Merits:

As to the merits of this case, the Examiner relies upon the newly cited reference of Rumreich (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,160) in setting forth the following rejections:

1) Claims 1, 5, 6 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Alexander et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,177,931, of record) in view of Rumreich;

2) Claims 2 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Alexander et al. and Rumreich in view of Breslauer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,637,027, of record);

3) Claims 3 and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Alexander et al. and Rumreich in view of Dunn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,721,829, of record); and

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4) Claims 4 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Alexander et al. and Rumreich in view of Kohno et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,462,784, of record).

Each of these rejections is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, as amended, now calls for *message display means for creating a message corresponding to the acquired information and displaying the message in an area where the received video is reduced and displayed, wherein the message corresponding to the acquired information is displayed also in a case where the selected channel has not been contracted for and the video does not come on the area where the received video is reduced and displayed.*

For example, in paragraph [0030] of the original specification, it is stated that “even if the reduced display area of the received video is displayed in black because the program which has not been contracted yet is selected, therefore, the message saying “You cannot view”, for example, is displayed in the reduced display area by the message display means. Accordingly, it is possible to prevent the user from judging, wrongly, that the digital broadcasting receiver developed a fault”. (Emphasis added.)

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner acknowledges that Alexander fails to disclose or fairly suggest the features of claim 1, as amended, concerning *wherein the message*

corresponding to the acquired information is displayed also in a case where the selected channel has not been contracted for and the video does not come on the area where the received video is reduced and displayed. (See page 3, lines 16-18 of the Action.)

However, the Examiner now relies on the newly cited reference of Rumreich for teaching the above-noted drawbacks and deficiencies of Alexander et al. More specifically, the Examiner asserts that Rumreich discloses blanking an image of the small picture in a picture-in-picture display and displaying a test message indicating the reason for the image modification in response to a V-chip rating violation (col. 6, l. 31-50) (co. 9, l. 21-26, 31-34) (col. 12, l. 14-23).¹

However, it is submitted that Rumreich is silent with regard to the case where the selected channel has not been contracted, i.e., as discussed in paragraphs [0027] and [0030] of the present specification.

As such, it is respectfully submitted that Alexander et al. and Rumreich, singly or in combination, fail to disclose or fairly suggest the features of claim 1, as amended, concerning *wherein the message corresponding to the acquired information is displayed also in a case*

¹ Please see, page 3, lines 18-20 of the Action.

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where the selected channel has not been contracted for and the video does not come on the area where the received video is reduced and displayed.

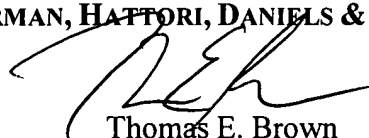
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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